

SENATOR SIMON: Mr. President and members of the Legislature. As I mentioned yesterday, I don't have any serious problem with lowering the figure from \$1.50 to \$1.00. I haven't had a chance to look over the figures from the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission, which when I close I'll give those figures in terms of lost revenue that the \$1.50 to \$1.00 would be. At least we're talking about providing a service to the citizens of the state of Nebraska who pay taxes, who live here and therefore legitimately are entitled to some sort of benefits. I can see absolutely no reason at all to lower the figure from \$2.00 to \$1.00 for those people who don't live in the state of Nebraska. Senator Koch has maintained that if we keep the figure at \$2.00 we may be driving some people away from staying at our state parks. But I will submit that that is merely conjecture. I can't imagine that any large number of people are going to stay away from the state parks because it's going to cost them an extra dollar. I seriously question where they take a look when they are going on a camping trip where they take a look at what their rates are going to be at KOA or some other park versus a state park. It seems to me that there's no reason to decrease the amount from \$2.00 to \$1.00 and therefore, I would respectfully request this body support my amendment.

PRESIDENT: Senator Cullan.

SENATOR CULLAN: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature. Senator Simon would you answer a couple of questions please?

SENATOR SIMON: I'll try.

SENATOR CULLAN: Could you tell me what the average fee for a KOA is in the state of Nebraska now or this type of facility?

SENATOR SIMON: Senator Koch mentioned yesterday on the floor that it was the same figure as \$1.00. I'd defer to...

PRESIDENT: Senator Simon, there's a possibility that you're amending this bill back to the way the bill reads. Are you sure the bill doesn't read \$2.00 for non-residents?

SENATOR SIMON: It does amend it back to \$2.00 except that Senator Koch has taken the \$1.50 figure and amended it to \$1.00. So that my amendment to his amendment is not the same as the bill actually reads. Does the bill not read \$1.50 and \$2.00? The bill reads \$1.50 for residents of the state of Nebraska and \$2.00 for non-residents. Senator Koch's amendment would change that to \$1.00 for everybody. My amendment would keep the \$1.00 figure for residents of Nebraska and make it \$2.00 for non-residents, so it is not the same as the original bill.

PRESIDENT: Alright.

SENATOR CULLAN: Senator, did you answer my question?

SENATOR SIMON: I would yield to Senator Koch as it deferred to him. As I understand in his comments yesterday that \$1.00 was what KOA was charging.

SENATOR CULLAN: I think...I know that they are substantially higher than that. From the testimony before the hearing, I think they were talking in the neighborhood of \$5.00 and in